

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Lance Corporal Larry L. Wells.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Larry L. Wells upon his death in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

WHEREAS, it is with the deepest regret and most profound sorrow that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the tragic death in combat of Lance Corporal Wells; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Wells called Mount Hermon his hometown and was a 2002 graduate of Mount Hermon School; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Wells was well known in his small community as a determined man with a steely resolve to finish whatever he started, especially his education; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Wells had overcome many obstacles and challenges in the 22 years he lived, including an unstable family life and the subsequent moving through a series of foster homes; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Wells' upbringing gave him a mental toughness that served him well when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Pendleton for training; and

1 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Wells was soon deployed to the Iraqi Theater of
2 Operations and assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 11th Marine Expeditionary
3 Unit of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force where he served with distinction and great
4 dedication to accomplishing his unit's mission of eliminating terrorist strongholds and
5 bringing order to a highly unstable region; and

6 WHEREAS, it was during the carrying out of that mission on August 6, 2004, that
7 Lance Corporal Wells and the men in his unit engaged a large, heavily armed terrorist force
8 in close, ferocious, ground combat in Al Najal Province and he was mortally wounded by
9 enemy fire; and

10 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Wells will be forever remembered by his family,
11 friends, and fellow Marines as a man you could always count on and for always placing his
12 country's needs, as well as those of his fellow Marines, ahead of his own, despite the
13 extremely dangerous nature of the mission; and

14 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Wells' family, friends, and fellow Marines will mourn
15 and sorely miss his uplifting attitude and fierce determination, his sacrifice for his country
16 has served to rally his small community and fill that community with pride that one of their
17 own was making a difference in this nation's war on terror, and remind them that freedom
18 is never free and Americans sometimes must fight to protect the freedoms and liberties its
19 citizens now enjoy.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heartfelt condolences from a
22 grateful state and nation to the family of United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Larry
23 L. Wells for fighting America's enemies in a faraway land.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25 family of Lance Corporal Wells.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Expresses condolences upon the death of U.S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Larry L. Wells.